



James Michael Leppard

May 15, 1943 - January 14, 2025

James Michael Leppard, born May 15, 1943, in Torquay, England, passed away on January 14, 2025, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He lived a full and active life, filled with love for his family, passion for his work, and a commitment to his community.

James was predeceased by his parents, Percy and Ellen Leppard, and his sister, Theresa North. He is survived by his brother Lachlan (Sylvia) and cherished wife of 60 years, Pauline; his children, Peter, Myke (Lynne), and Mary (Paul); and his beloved grandchildren, Colin (Katherine) and Matthew, and step-grandchildren Michaela and Jayme, who were all the light of his later years. Nothing made him prouder than to see his family grow and build successful lives.

James' passion for work spanned over six decades in design and project management. While most would have considered retirement a reason to relax, James thought otherwise. If there was something to organize, build, or improve, he was your man. He loved tackling projects around the house, and Pauline always ensured his to-do list was never-ending. James was a lifelong lover of books and reading, and recently embraced the digital age by graduating to a Kobo, which he enjoyed immensely.

A man of many talents, James spent his younger days playing the trumpet in a corps, later taking the helm of sailboats in Ontario and Nova Scotia. He thoroughly enjoyed his annual trip to 'Iowa' and spent many hours in gyms watching basketball games and cheering on his favourite players—Colin and

Matthew. James loved traveling the world, often returning with colourful stories while already planning for the next big adventure. His community spirit shone through his contributions to Hope Cottage, St. Thomas More, St. Patrick's, and his beloved Monday night group, where he was likely the unofficial leader of wit and wisdom.

Every winter, he and Pauline found solace in Mexico, a tradition that provided much-needed relaxation and adventure. There, they were part of a vibrant community of friends from Mexico, Canada, and the United States, enjoying dancing, card games, and shared meals. James also volunteered at Auberge San Joachim Ancianos, a nursing home in Progreso, where he was part of a crew that painted and made repairs around the facility. He felt fulfilled knowing they were helping improve the lives of those living modestly.

James lived a life full of purpose, joy, and a touch of mischief. He will be remembered with love, laughter, and perhaps a warm smile—preferably while somewhere sunny.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Messages can be sent through Harbourside Regional Crematorium in Halifax (www.harboursidecremation.ca). Donations in James' honour can be made to the St. Vincent De Paul Society or a local food bank of your choice.

Tribute Wall

AH

“ *Pauline and Family,*

I am unable to attend James' celebration of life as I am out of town. I enjoyed his wisdom and sense of humour each and every Monday night we were in the meeting together. He is dearly missed and remembered fondly by the Minday night members. My sincerest condolences to you and all the family 🙏

Audrey

Audrey Hunt - June 14, 2025 at 08:23 AM

BR

“ *Dear Pauline and all her wonderful family. I send you all my deepest sympathy for the loss of your husband Pauline. What a wonderful obituary. He accomplished so much and did a lot for other people. He loved life and loved his family. My thoughts and prayers are send to all of you.*

I am not able to bet at his celebration of life. I am going in for a shoulder replacement on June 13.I wish I could be there to support you all.

I hope all the happy memories will help you through this hard time.
Betty Roger

Betty Roger - June 10, 2025 at 06:57 PM

JO

“ *Pauline and Mary, Colin and Matthew and family. We are so sorry to hear of James' passing. Our thoughts are with you.*

Joanne, Brian, Lauren, Abby Titus

Joanne - February 28, 2025 at 03:38 PM

BE

“ Peter, sincere condolences to you and the entire family from myself and all of your "other Brothers". S&F Brian Evans

Brian Evans - January 28, 2025 at 08:02 AM

GC

“ Pauline, we received your email this morning on an old email account we do not use much any more. We are sorry for your loss and we will remember our times together with Jim and you and family when we lived in the Halifax area. Geri & Boyd

Geri & Boyd Coffin - January 22, 2025 at 12:48 PM

RN

“ Pauline and family please accept my condolences on the passing of James. An uncle who always had a smile and a good word for everybody. He will be surely be missed.

Rod North

Rodney North - January 20, 2025 at 11:12 AM

MA

“ Pauline, Mary, Peter and Myke ,I offer my condolences for this difficult time. I first met James in 1984 thanks to the amalgamation of our respective engineering firms. I quickly got to enjoy and appreciate his presence during very challenging times. I was fortunate to work with James for over 10 years during which we became friends and I was able to meet the wonderful Leppard family.

I trust your fond memories of the decades spent with James will give you comfort and warmth during this difficult time in your lives.

God bless James

Marcel Aucoin - January 17, 2025 at 03:56 PM

JB

“ Roger, Emilie, Felix and I are so very sorry for your loss. Please accept our most sincere condolences. ❤️ I worked with James for almost 24 years and I will always remember this great man; with his wonderful sense of humour, his storytelling and his dedication to his family and his work. Thinking of you all. Love, Josee.

Josee Barakett - January 17, 2025 at 12:17 PM

LC

*Dear Pauline, we were very sorry to hear this news. Our deepest condolence to you and your family .
Pat and Loly Crowley*

Loly Crowley - January 21, 2025 at 03:10 PM

PF

“ Hi Pauline so sorry for your loss Jim was a great guy and will be missed our prayers and thoughts are with you and the family at this time Pat and Barbara Fletcher

patrick fletcher - January 17, 2025 at 11:23 AM

LS

“ *Pauline and family - so sorry for your loss...remember having dinner with you and James years ago at Regatta Point. He lived a life of service to his fellow man...RIP.*

Lynne Simpaon - January 17, 2025 at 11:04 AM

RG

“ *We are so saddened to hear of James passing, fellow resident and friend. Please accept our sincere sympathy to Pauline and family. We are thinking of you at this difficult time. Rhonda and Steve*

Rhonda and Steve Grandy - January 17, 2025 at 09:12 AM

CD

“ *Pauline & Family,
Deepest sympathy to you and your family on the occasion of your husband's death. He will be remembered as a man whose life was well lived.*

Catherine Driscoll

Catherine Driscoll - January 17, 2025 at 07:21 AM

SB

“ *I remember meeting James when I visited Halifax for the first time, for my nephew, Colin's high school graduation. James was such a kind, funny man who made sure to sit with us during the family lunch to be sure we felt like part of the family. Thank you, sir! My brother, Paul, has shared many stories with me about all the lessons he learned from his father-in-law, from figuring out how to renovate a bathroom, to just getting along in life. I know that James will be truly missed by so many, many people.*

Sheril Bryan - January 16, 2025 at 01:15 PM

SN

MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU PAULINE AND ALL THE FAMILY. HOW I ENJOYED MY FRIENDLY CHATS AND LAUGHS WITH JAMES.HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. LOVE AND BLESSINGS SR. CECILIA MAC NEIL

Sister Cecilia Mac Neil - January 17, 2025 at 08:21 AM

NC

Please receive my condolences Pauline. Sorry to learn of your great loss. Wishing you and your family strength at this very sad time. Nancy Cieplinski

Nancy Cieplinski - January 18, 2025 at 07:26 AM